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SUBJECT: PRO-PALESTINIAN ITALIAN LEFTISTS TRY TO HANG RESPON-
SIBILITY FOR LEBANON ON USG

1. SOME EVIDENCE HAS BEEN APPEARING THAT A LEFTIST ITALIAN
GROUPING MAY BE ORCHESTRATING AN ATTEMPT TO PIN ON THE US
RESPONSIBILITY FOR "LEBANON" AND THE BAD THINGS HAPPENING TO THE
PALESTINIANS THERE.

2. ON THE AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 26, A NUMBER OF YOUNG (TEENAGERS
AND EARLY TWENTIES FOR THE MOST PART) DEMONSTRATORS, ABOUT 80
STRONG, GROUPED IN FRONT OF THE EMBASSY TO WAVE CLENCHED FISTS AND
SHOUT SLOGANS NEW ("PALESTINA ROSSA") AND OLD ("YAHNKEE GO 'OM").
EQUIPPED WITH WELL-DONE PLACARDS AND BANNERS, AND BADLY MIMEOGRAPHED
FLYERS, THE WELL-BEHAVED DEMONSTRATORS CONTENTED THEMSELVES,
WITH CHANTING THEIR WELL-REHEARSED THEMES, BURNING A CRUDE EFFIGY
OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, AND INTERRUPTING TRAFFIC ON THE VIA
VENETO.

3. THE SLOGANS AND PLACARDS FOCUSED ON "THE MANEUVERS OF AMERICAN

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IMPERIALISM" IN LEBANON AMERICAN RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE "MASSACRE

OF TEL EL ZAATAR," COLLUSION WITH REACTIONARY LEBANESE FORCES AND SYRIA, BUT ALSO MANAGED TO INCORPORATE SUCH OLD FAVORITES AS "ITALY OUT OF NATO" AND REFERENCES TO VIETNAM. THE SPONSORS, ACCORDING TO THE FLYER, INCLUDED AVANGUARDIA OPERAIS, PDUP FOR COMMUNISM, LOTTA CONTINUA, THE FEDERATION OF YOUR SOCIALISTS, AND SOMETHING CALLED "THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL".

4. THE SAME GROUP IS SPONSORING WHAT SHOULD BE A SUBSTANTIALLY LARGE DEMONSTRATION THIS EVENING IN PARIOLI, WHICH COULD BE INTERESTING BECAUSE THAT SECTION OF ROME IS CLEARLY MSI (NEO-FACIST) TURF.

5. THESE DEMONSTRATIONS WERE PRECEDED BY RECEIPT IN THE EMBASSY DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS OF FOUR OR FIVE TELEGRAMS FROM MISCELLANEOUS LEFTIST GROUPS AROUND ITALY, INCLUDING TWO TOWN GIUNTAS WITH PCI MAJORITIES, PROTESTING THE AMERICAN ROLE IN LEBANON AND DISTINCTLY PRO-PALESTINIAN IN FLAVOR.

6. WHILE IT IS TOO EARLY TO SAY THAT A CONSERVED OR NATIONAL CAMPAIGN OF THIS NATURE IS SHAPING UP, THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS. THE EMBASSY IS ATTEMPTING TO GET A BETTER LINE ON JUST WHO OR WHAT ARE THE MOVING FORCES IN THESE PROTESTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS.
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